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ANNOUNCES 1950 PROGRAM FOR SHIPPING INDUSTRY

Peiping, 12 March -- The Administration Council of the Central People's government has announced its 1950 program for the shipping industry, as follows:

1. Dredge inland waterways, especially the following: the lower reaches of the Yangtze River, the T'ung-t'ing Hu (in Hunan), shallows on the Sung-hua Chiang near San-hsing (in Kirin Province), sandbars on the Hsiang Chiang near Ying-t'ien (in Hunan), and shallows on the Grand Canal and the Su-chow Ho (Soochow Creek). Dredge all principal sea ports and harbors where needed, and improve port facilities at Ying-k'ou (in Liaoning), Tientsin, Tsingtao, Shanghai, and Foochow.
2. Install navigational lights, beginning with the Gulf of Chihli and along the Yangtze River, and build lighthouses at Ts'ao-fei-t'ien [coordinates unknown], Ch'eng-shan-t'ou $\angle 37^{\circ} 20' N, 122^{\circ} 40' E$, and Hou-chi Tao $\angle 38^{\circ} 10' N, 120^{\circ} 35' E$.
3. Repair harbor entrances, dock facilities, and warehouses.
4. Salvage sunken ships and repair old ones.
5. Continue construction of the new port in T'ang-ku.
6. Improve efficiency of repair shops and administrative staffs.
7. Unify the shipping industry by establishing a state-owned shipping company, which would incorporate the former China Merchants Steamship Company, in Shanghai, and the main shipping control bureau, both under the Ministry of Communications.
8. Establish district shipping control bureaus in various areas, as follows:

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Tientsin District Bureau with branches at Yen-t'ai, Wei-hai-wei, Ch'in-huang-tac, Tsingtao, and Lien-yun.

Ying-k'ou District Bureau with branches at Dairen and Antung.

Shanghai District Bureau with branches at Ning-po, Foochow, and Amoy.

Canton District Bureau with branches at Swatow, Hai-k'ou, Yu-lin, and Kuang-chou-wan.

Taiwan District Bureau with branches at all ports in Taiwan.

Yangtze River District Bureau with branches at Nanking, Wu-hu, Chiu-chiang, Hankow, Sha-shih, and Chungking.

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